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PUBLIC HEALTH OFFICERS OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITY 1956.

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THOMAS GIBSON.

Public Health Clerk :
BRENDA WEGG.

Public Health Department,
Council Offices,
Blaydon-on-Tyne.
27th July, 1957.

To the Chairman and Members of the
Urban District Council of Blaydon.

Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in presenting my Annual Report for the year 1956.

Vital statistics have altered little since 1955. The Live Birth Rate was 15.61 as compared with 16.19 - the Death Rate 10.47 as compared with 11.25. The Infant Mortality Rate rose from 24 to 29.

Deaths from Infectious Disease totalled 6 of which 2 were due to Tuberculosis, 2 Syphilitic Disease, 1 Whooping Cough and 1 from Measles. Cardiovascular Disease was again the chief cause of death with 151 deaths out of a total of 318. Cancer came next with 59 deaths of which 15 were cancer of lung and bronchus.

There was no epidemic of any infectious disease in 1956.

The clearance of unfit houses has continued throughout the year. Of the programme of Slum Clearance submitted to the Minister of Housing and Local Government in 1955, 37% have now been dealt with by the Health Department.

The working of the Food Hygiene Regulations has been reasonably satisfactory but could be much improved if the present vacancy for an additional Public Health Inspector could be filled.

I wish to thank the County Medical Officer for information in this report and also the staff of this Health Department for their continued zeal and willing co-operation which has made the work detailed in this report possible. Other Chief Officers of the Council and their staffs have also given much assistance during the year.

I am, Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JAMES TAYLOR,

Medical Officer of Health.

The acreage is 9,325 acres.

Present density of population is 3.25 persons per acre.

Highest density of population (in 1925) was 3.96 persons per acre.

Population

The Registrar General's estimate of our mid-1956 civilian population is 30,360, an increase of 50 on last year.

At the 1931 census the population stood at 32,248.

At the 1951 census the population stood at 30,791.

In the last twenty-five years the population of the Blaydon Urban District has declined by 1,888 persons.

The number of inhabited houses at the end of 1956 was 9,712.

The density of persons per house was therefore 3.126.

Comparability factors:—

Births	.96
Deaths	1.24

Rateable Value

The rateable value of the district, as at 31st December, 1956 was £233,864 excluding Freight, Transport and Electrical Hereditaments. The rateable value per head of population was £7 13-11 and the estimated product of a 1d. rate was £894.

Industries of the District.

These are chiefly mining and ancillary industries for production of coke and other by-products. There are also Iron and Steel Engineering Works, Iron Foundries and Chemical Works. Blaydon is also a Railway Centre with large Locomotive Sheds.

Agriculture - chiefly Dairy Farming - is an important industry in the area.

Physical Features

Hilly area, Blaydon and Rowlands Gill lie low, Winlaton and Chopwell high. The rivers Tyne and Derwent form parts of the boundary.

Vital Statistics for the Year, 1956.

Births

Total Live Births	474	230M.	244F.
Total Legitimate Births ...	466	225M.	241F.
Total Illegitimate Births ...	8	5M.	3F.
Total Still Births	13	8M.	5F.

This gives a Live Birth Rate of 15.61 per 1,000 population compared with 16.19 in 1955 and a Still Birth Rate of 0.42 per 1,000 population. (1955 - 0.46).

Live Birth Rate for Blaydon	15.61
Live Birth Rate for Administrative County ...	17.80
Live Birth Rate for England and Wales	15.70

Deaths

The toal number of deaths recorded during the year was 318 (191 males and 127 females). This gives a Death Rate of 10.47 per 1,000 population (1955 - 11.25).

Death Rate for England and Wales	11.70
Death Rate for Administrative County	11.30

The Cardio-Vascular group of diseases was again the chief cause of death viz: 151.

The next most important cause of death was Cancer with 59. Thirteen of these were due to malignant neoplasm of stomach and fifteen to cancer of the lung and bronchus.

The recorded deaths from Infectious Diseases were two cases of Tuberculosis, two from Syphilitic Disease, one from Whooping Cough and one from Measles.

Infantile Mortality

Total deaths of infants under one year of age in 1956 was 14 (male 6 and female 8) of which 12 (male 5 and female 7) occurred during the first four weeks of life.

The Infantile Mortality Rate is 29 per 1,000 live births (1955 - 24).

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the Administrative County is 27.0 per 1,000 live births.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales is 23.8 per 1,000 live births.

Maternal Mortality

There were no deaths from maternal causes during the year.

The Maternal Mortality Rate for the Administrative County is 1.31 and 0.56 for England and Wales per 1,000 total births.

Tuberculosis

There was one death (female) from Pulmonary Tuberculosis and one death (female) from Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis. This compared with a total of three deaths from Tuberculosis in 1955

Death Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis was 0.06 per 1,000 population.

County Death Rate from all forms of Tuberculosis 0.13 per 1,000 population.

England and Wales - death rate from all forms of Tuberculosis 0.12 per 1,000 population.

New cases of Tuberculosis notified during the year numbered 18 Pulmonary (9 male and 9 female) and 5 Non-Pulmonary (5 males). In 1955 24 cases of Pulmonary and one case of Non-Pulmonary Tuberculosis were notified.

Ambulance Facilities

Durham County Council provides the ambulance service under the National Health Service Act.

Doctors, Nurses and Dentists requiring an ambulance for any of their patients contact the nearest Ambulance control, and the Officer in Charge arranges the necessary transport.

In the case of accident or other serious emergency, any responsible person may summon an ambulance by telephoning the Ambulance Control.

The nearest Ambulance Control to Blaydon is at the Ambulance Station, Villa Real, Consett. (Telephone No. Consett 411).

District Nursing

The County Council is the responsible Authority under Section 25 of the National Health Service Act for the provision of a Home Nursing Service. Any requests for a Home Nurse should be made to the nurse resident in the district or to the County Medical Officer's Superintendent of Home Nursing.

Treatment Centres and Clinics

Clinics for school children, maternity and child welfare are provided by the County Council at various centres throughout the district.

Dental and Sun-ray treatment are available for mothers and

children at the Axwell Park, Blaydon Clinic which is the main centre in the district.

Hospital Provision

The provision of Hospital, Sanatorium and Maternity Home accommodation is the responsibility of the Newcastle upon Tyne Regional Hospital Board.

National Health Service Act, 1946

No. 1 Area (Blaydon, Ryton and Whickham Urban Districts) Sub-Committee of the County Health Committee deals with the undermentioned services:—

(a) Health Centres.
(b) Maternity and Child Welfare.
(c) Midwifery.
(d) Health Visitors.
(e) Home Nursing.
(f) Vaccination and Immunisation.
(g) Ambulances.
(h) Prevention of Illness and Care and After-Care of Sick Persons.
(i) Domestic Help.

Infectious Diseases ...

Cases of Infectious Diseases are now removed to the Sheriff Hill Infectious Disease Hospital or to the Walkergate Hospital.

In the event of Smallpox occuring in the district such cases would be treated at the Langley Park Hospital.

Venereal Diseases

These are treated at the Venereal Diseases Clinic, City Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne.

Prevalence of, and Control over Infectious Diseases

Typhoid Fever.

No cases were notified.

Para-Typhoid Fever.

No cases were notified

Smallpox.

No cases were notified.

Typhus Fever.

No cases were notified.

Scarlet Fever.

14 cases were notified (males 7, females 7) which were evenly distributed through the year.

Diphtheria.

No cases were notified.

Diphtheria Prophylaxis.

Under 1 year	234
1 year	75
2 years	10
3 years	7
4 years	13
5 - 9 years	8
10 15 years	—

Total — 347.

Measles.

173 cases were notified (males 84, females 89).

Whooping Cough.

45 cases were notified (males 20, females 25).

Pneumonia.

4 cases were notified (males 2, females 2).

Erysipelas.

2 cases were notified (males 2).

Meningococcal Infection.

No cases occurred.

Ophthalmia Neonatorum.

No cases occurred.

Acute Infective Encephalitis.

No cases occurred.

Acute Poilomyelitis.

Paralytic—1 case was notified (female).

Non-Paralytic—No cases occurred.

Poliomyelitis Vaccination.

During May and June, 1956, the following number of children were vaccinated against poliomyelitis. 86 children (males 42, females 44).

Puerperal Pyrexia.

1 case was notified.

Dysentery.

6 cases were notified (males 3, females 3) of which 3 proved to be negative.

Tuberculosis

Respiratory Tuberculosis.

18 cases were notified (males 9, females 9).

Meningeal and C.N.S. Tuberculosis.

Nil.

Other Tuberculosis.

5 cases were notified (males).

Food Poisoning, 1956

No. of Cases Notified	No. proved positive	Food Suspected	Bacteriological Examination
2	2	Nothing definite	Negative
5	Nil	Pigs Cheek	Negative
4	4	Cream Cakes	Negative
2	Nil	Cooked Pork	Negative
13	6	—	—

Laboratory Facilities

All specimens for bacteriological examination are sent to the Public Health Laboratory, Pathological Institute, General Hospital, Westgate Road, Newcastle upon Tyne, 4, by arrangement with the Durham County Council. They are examined free of cost to both practitioners and patients.

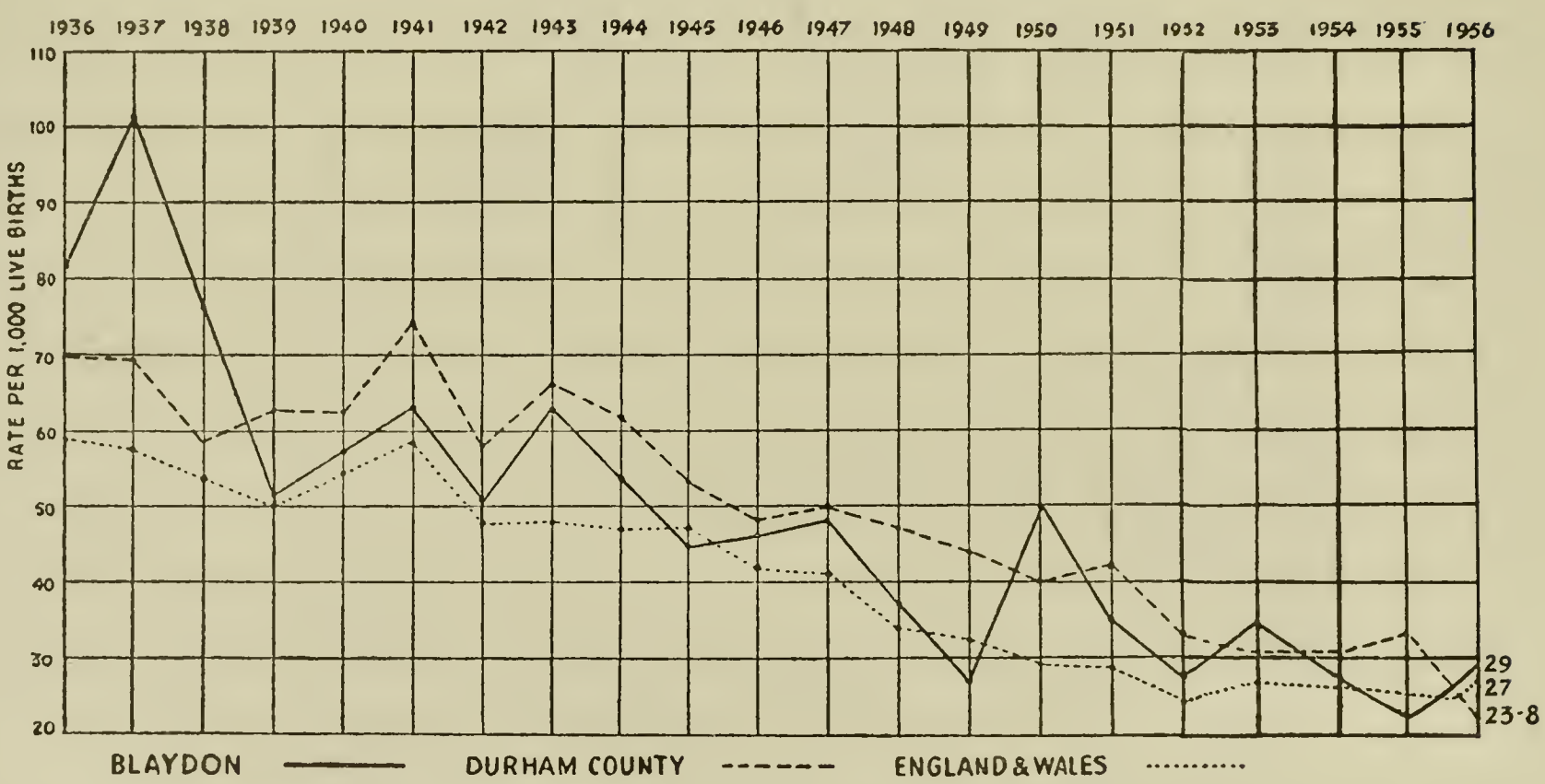
Tuberculosis

New Cases and Mortality during 1956.

Age Periods	New Cases.				Deaths.			
	Respiratory		Non-respiratory		Respiratory		Non-respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1 yr.	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
1 —4	—	—		—	—	—	—	—
5 — 14	—	—	2	—	—	—	—	—
15 — 24	—	3	—	—		—	—	—
25 — 34	2	2	1	—	—	1	—	1
35 — 44	2	2	2	—	—	—	—	—
45 — 54	2	1	—		—	—	—	—
55 — 65	3	1	—	—	—		—	—
65 and over	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Totals	9	9	5	—		1	—	1

Ratio of Non-Notified Tuberculosis Deaths to total Tuberculosis Deaths ... 1 to 2

Graph comparing Infantile Mortality Rate for Blaydon, Durham County, England and Wales since



Cases of Infectious Diseases notified during 1956.

DISEASE	TOTAL CASES NOTIFIED	CASES ADMITTED TO I.D. HOSPITALS	POSITIVE	NEGATIVE
Scarlet Fever	14	—	14	—
Whooping Cough	45	—	45	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—
Measles	173	—	173	—
Acute Pneumonia	4	—	4	—
Meningococcal Infection ...	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis				
Paralytic ...	1	1	1	—
Non-Paralytic ...	—	—	—	—
Acute Encephalitis Infective ...	—	—	—	—
Post Infections	—	-	—	—
Dysentery	6	1	3	3
Ophthalmia Neonatorum ...	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	1	1	1	—
Smallpox	—	—	—	—
Paratyphoid Fevers	—	—	—	—
Enteric or Typhoid Fevers ...	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	13	—	6	7
Tuberculosis - Respiratory ...	18	14	18	—
Tuberculosis - Meninges and C.N.S. ...	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis Other Forms ...	5	3	5	—
Malaria	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	2	—	2	—
Chicken Pox	—	—	—	—

Infectious Diseases
1956

Analysis of Positive Cases into Age Groups.

Disease	Under 1 year	1 year	2 years	3 years	4 years	5-9 years	10-14 years	15-19 years	20-34 years	35-44 years	45-64 years	65 years and over	Total
Scarlet Fever	—	—	—	3	—	7	3	1	—	—	—	—	14
Whooping Cough	4	11	—	16	—	13	1	—	—	—	—	—	45
Measles	3	38	—	39	—	92	1	—	—	—	—	—	173
Dysentery	—	—	—	—	—	2	—	—	1	—	—	—	3
Para-Typhoid	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Erysipelas	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	1	—	2
Meningococcal Infection	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis—Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	—	—	1
Non-Paralytic	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Food Poisoning	1	1	1	—	1	—	1	—	—	—	—	1	6
Pneumonia	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	1	—	3	—	4
Totals	8	50	1	58	1	114	6	1	3	1	4	1	248

Registrar General's Short List of Causes of Death during 1956.

Causes of Death	Males	F'males
1. Tuberculosis of Respiratory System ...	—	1
2. Other Forms of Tuberculosis	—	1
3. Syphilitic Disease	2	—
4. Diphtheria	—	—
5. Whooping Cough	—	1
6. Meningococcal Infection	—	—
7. Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—
8. Measles	—	1
9. Other Infective and Parasitic Desease ...	1	—
10. Malignant Neoplasm - Stomach ...	10	3
11. Malignant Neoplasm - Lung Bronchus ...	13	2
12. Malignant Neoplasm - Breast	—	1
13. Malignant Neoplasm - Uterus	—	2
14. Other Malignant & Lymphatic Neoplasms	16	12
15. Leukaemia, Aleukaemia	2	1
16. Diabetes	1	1
17. Vascular Lesions of Nervous System ...	27	21
18. Coronary Disease, Angina	36	18
19. Hypertension with Heart Disease ...	3	3
20. Other Heart Disease	16	14
21. Other Circulatory Disease	6	7
22. Influenza	—	—
23. Pneumonia	2	7
24. Bronchitis	20	5
25. Other Diseases of Respiratory System	5	—
26. Ulcer of Stomach and Duodenum ...	3	1
27. Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ...	2	—
29. Nephritis and Nephrosis	1	2
29. Hyperplasia of Prostate	2	—
30. Pregnancy, Childbirth, Abortion ...	—	—
31. Congenital Malformations	1	5
32. Other Defined and Ill-defined Diseases ...	15	12
33. Motor Vehicle Accidents	—	—
34. All Other Accidents	3	4
35. Suicide	4	2
36. Homicide and Operations of War ...	—	—
Totals ...	191	127

SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE AREA. REPORT OF THE SENIOR PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR

Water Supply

All houses in the district are supplied with good quality water piped direct to each house from Water Companies mains. The township of Blaydon is supplied by the Newcastle and Gateshead Water Company. The supply is continuous and plentiful. The remainder of the district is supplied by Durham County Water Board. Owing to insufficient rainfall in the autumn of 1955 and depleted reservoirs the Board experienced great difficulty in maintaining a continuous supply in the early months of the year.

Drainage and Sewerage

During the year the work in connection with Whisky Bridge Sewage Works and the extension of Ladysmith works was started.

Closet Accommodation

Sanitary Accommodation	Number at 31-12-55	Increase or Decrease during the year					Number at 31-12-56
		By Conversion	By Improvement	By New Houses	Discontinued. Houses Demolished, etc.	Total Increase or Decrease	
Water Closets	11332	+3	+8	+179	-55	+135	11467
Ash Closets	354	-3	–	–	-55	-58	296
Privy Middens	26	–	–	–	-7	-7	19

Collection and Disposal of Household Refuse

In certain parts of the district where houses are occupied by miners and where there is a large amount of refuse two collections per week are made. In all other parts of the district a weekly collection is made

Six collecting vehicles are in use, five on regular rounds and one spare.

27 men including 2 working foremen, one at each depot, are regularly employed on collection.

2 men are regularly employed on disposal.

1 man is employed in the Salvage Depot and as relief loader, when necessary

2 vehicles, 2 drivers, 10 loaders and 1 tip man are based at and operate from each of the 2 depots, Winlaton and Chopwell. One vehicle, a driver and 2 loaders, based at Winlaton, operates in all parts of the district cleansing ash closets and outlying premises.

Summary of Sanitary Defects and Nuisances Remedied.

General Summary

	No. of Inspections	No. of Informal Notices Served	No. of Statutory Notices Served	Defects Remedied after Notice	Legal Proceedings & General Remarks
Housing:—					
Public Health and Housing Acts ...	1454	71	23	345	—
Overcrowding	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences:—					
Insufficient	—	—	—	—	—
Defective	75	24	5	72	—
Drainage	86	25	5	36	—
Water Supply	33	15	—	15	—
Food Premises	372	23	—	54	—
Shops Act	501	—	—	—	—
Dairies	10	1	—	—	—
Slaughter Houses:—					
Public	—	—	—	—	—
Private	197	—	—	—	—
Tents, Vans, etc.	12	3	1	3	—
Offensive Trades ...	—	—	—	—	—
Factories and Workplaces	14	2	—	—	—
Keeping of Animals ...	5	1	—	1	—
Insanitary Ashpits & Receptacles	191	191	—	191	—
Offensive Accumulations ...	3	1	—	1	—
Smoke Nuisances ...	—	—	—	—	—
Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949 ...	1220	89	—	89	—
Total	4173	446	34	807	—

Offices

Offices have been visited and action taken where necessary.

Camping Sites

There are no licensed camping sites in the district.

Picture Halls

The 7 Picture Halls in the district have been visited and any necessary action taken.

Swimming Baths

There are no swimming baths in the area.

Factories Act, 1937 - 1948

Factories in the district have been visited and any contraventions found were dealt with informally.

Bakehouses

The 4 bakehouses in the district have been regularly visited and premises and personnel examined. The need for constant vigilant care in handling food was stressed to all personnel.

Housing

In February, the Council made Clearance Orders in respect of 26 houses in Blaydon Haughs and 71 houses in the Burnopfield Road, Rowlands Gill Areas. No objections were made to Blaydon Haughs Clearance Order 1956 and it was confirmed by the Minister on the 19th of July.

A Public Enquiry was held on the 17th of July on the Burnopfield Road, Rowlands Gill Order and subsequently it was confirmed without modification by the Minister on the 9th of October

By the end of the year the rehousing of families displaced by these orders as well as those displaced by six clearance orders confirmed in 1955 was well up to schedule.

Inspections of unfit houses continued during the year and the Council on the 16th of October made Clearance Orders in respect of the following areas:—

Blaydon (Middle Court) Clearance Order, 1956 ...	19 houses
Blaydon (Cuthbert Street) Clearance Order, 1956 ...	46 houses
Blaydon (Robinson Street No. 1) Clearance Order 1956	27 houses
Blaydon (Robinson Street No. 2) Clearance Order, 1956	17 houses
Total	109 houses

Demolition Orders in respect of 47 individual unfit houses were made during the year

1. **Tabular Statement for Year 1956**

New Houses Completed During Year	With State Assistance	Unaided	Total
(a) By Local Authority ...	108	—	108
(b) By any other Housing Authority	—	—	—
(c) By Private Persons	—	71	71

2. **Closing and Demolition of Houses**

A. Formal Action.

i. No. of houses demolished during year as a result of Clearance Schemes or other formal action ... 69

ii. No. of houses closed but not demolished as a result of formal action ... ... Nil

iii. No. of houses in Clearance Areas and individual unfit houses demolition of which temporarily postponed ... ... Nil

iv. No. of houses in use as temporary accommodation (Housing, Repairs and Rents Act, 1954 Part 1) ... Nil

B. Informal Action.

i. No. of houses permanently discontinued as dwellings as a result of informal action and not included above ... . Nil

3. **Reconditioning and Repair**

No. of houses made fit during year by procedure under Housing Acts (excluding temporary accommodation) or Public Health Acts:—

(a) As a result of informal action 71

(b) By owners as a result of statutory notice 23

(c) By Local Authority in default of owners ... ... Nil

4. **Improvement Grants - Housing Act 1949**

	No. of Separate Houses
(a) Applications submitted to Local Authority ...	Nil
(b) Applications rejected by Local Authority	Nil
(c) Total No. of applications approved since inception of scheme	Nil

Number of Houses in the District

Blaydon	2473
Stella	227
Winlaton	2364
Winlaton Mill	357
Barlow	82
High Spen	747
Rowlands Gill	959
Highfield	578
Victoria Garesfield	116
Lintzford	24
Chopwell	1549
Blackhail Mill	236
	9712

Slaughter Houses

Three privately owned Slaughter Houses are licensed but regular slaughtering takes place in only two of them. All animals slaughtered during the year were examined after slaughter and where possible ante-mortem examinations were made.

For Tuberculosis

Bovine

1 Whole Carcase and all organs (50 stone)
10 pairs Lungs
8 Heads and Tongues
1 Liver

Other conditions rendering meat unsound

1 Whole Cows Carcase and all organs (40 stone)	Septicaemia
1 Sheeps Carcase and all organs	Septicaemia
6 pairs Bovine Lungs	Parasitic
460 lbs. Liver	Parasitic
82 lbs. Liver	Abscesses
1 Bovine Head and Tongue	Abscesses
3½ lb. Leg of Lamb	Bruising
3 pair Lungs (Pigs)	Congestion and Pleurisy
2 pair Lungs (Pigs)	Congestion and Pleurisy
1 Pigs Liver	Cirrhosis
1 Pigs Liver	Peritonitis

SUMMARY OF INSPECTIONS

	Cows	Cattle excluding Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs
Number killed (if known)	2	218	—	550	66
Number Inspected	2	218	—	550	66
All Diseases except Tuberculosis					
Whole carcases condemned	1	—	—	1	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	36	—	1	4
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	50%	16·5%	—	·3%	6·06%
Tuberculosis Only					
Whole carcases condemned	—	1	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	15	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis	—	7·34%	—	—	—
Cysticercosis					
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Food Inspection

The following quantities of food, found to be unsound were voluntarily surrendered and so disposed of as to prevent them being used for the food of man.

	No. of Tins	Weight Lbs.	Ozs.
Meat			
Beef	—	52	0
Bacon	—	64	0
Sausage	—	14	0
Chicken	2	7	0
Canned Meats			
Ham	17	195	8
Other Canned Meats	82	348	8
Fruit	75	76	5
Vegetables	108	193	13
Fish	7	5	0
Milk	29	—	—
Soup	3	3	0
Sundries			
Cheese	—	12	8
Meat Paste	—	4	13
Cake	—	24	0
Butter	—	8	0

Registration of Premises under Section 14. Food and Drugs Act, 1938

Two shops were registered for the sale and the storage for sale of ice cream, bringing the total number registered up to 44.

Three premises are registered for the manufacture, storage for sale and for the sale of Ice Cream.

Twenty-six premises are registered for the manufacture of and sale of preserved foods, etc.

Inspection of Food Premises

All premises where food is manufactured, prepared, stored or sold have been inspected at least once during the year and 372 visits were made.

Although the standard of cleanliness is fairly good there is still need for improvement. Owing to shortage of staff it was not possible to make the frequent and regular inspections which are necessary to maintain constant supervision of all persons engaged in handling food.

Milk (Special Designations) Regulations, 1936 - 49.

Dealers' Licences

Pasteurised	21
Sterilised	47
Tuberculin Tested	21

Supplementary Licences

Pasteurised	1
Sterilised	1
Tuberculin Tested	1

Milk receiving depots and dairies have been visited and appropriate action taken.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

During the year dwelling houses, business premises and agricultural properties have been visited following complaint or in the course of survey under the above Act.

1,220 inspections were made under the above Act.

The bi-annual treatments of sewers were carried out with satisfacory results.

Sewage works and refuse tips were treated at least four times in the course of the year and where necessary additional treatment was given. All other Council properties have been kept under observation and treatment given where necessary.

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